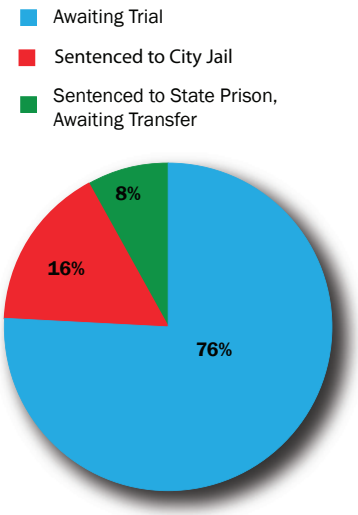
NYC's Jail Population: Who's There and Why?

On an average day in fiscal year 2012,

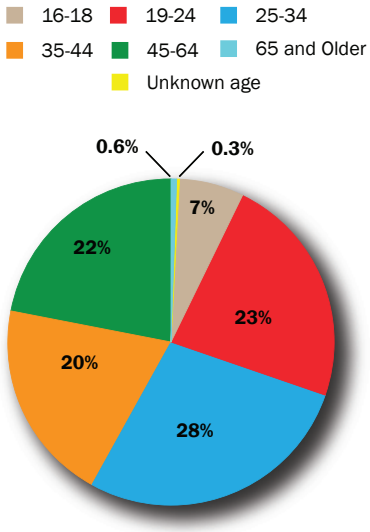
- 12,287 inmates in city jails
- 93 percent are male
- 57 percent are black, 33 percent Hispanic, 7 percent white, 1 percent Asian, and the rest other or unknown

The average annual cost per inmate in 2012 was $167,731

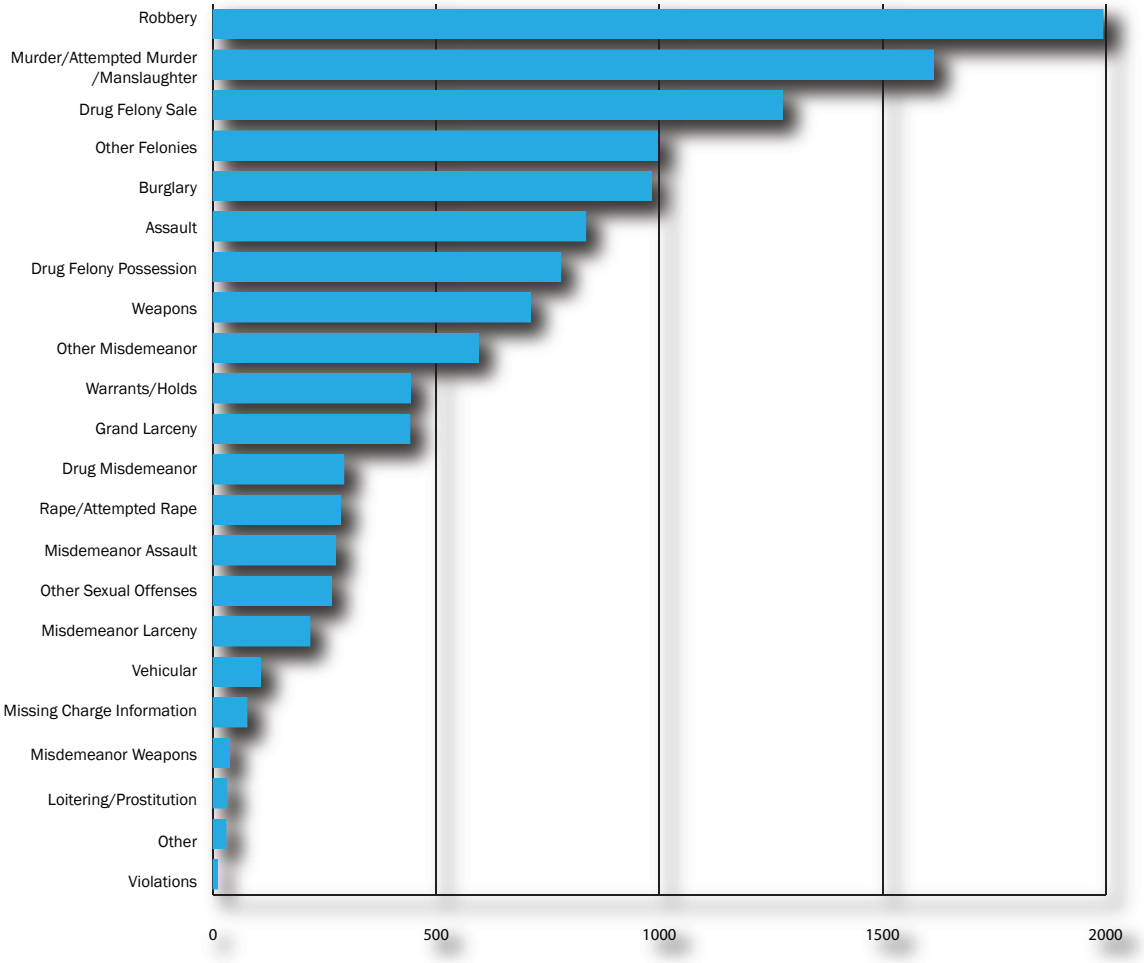
How Many Have Been Convicted And How Many Are Awaiting Trial?



How Old Are They?



New York City Average Daily Jail Population by Top Arrest Charge



SOURCE: Department of Correction
NOTE: All data for fiscal year 2012. Cost per inmate includes all operating expenses, including salaries and benefits for staff as well as debt service for jail construction and major repairs. Pie chart totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

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